

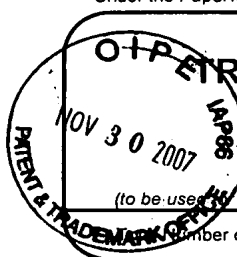
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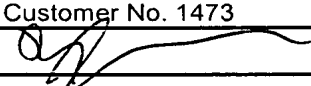
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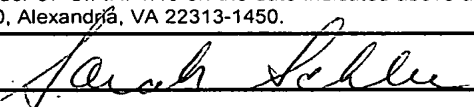
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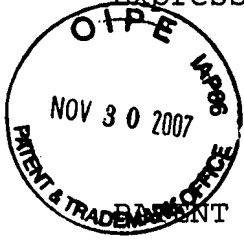
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants
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UNITED STATES PATENTS

<u>Inventor</u>	<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
Noble	US-3,221,746	12/07/1965
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The aforementioned documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the aforementioned Foreign Patent Documents are being submitted herewith.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a) (3) (i)

Applicants note that the Thierfelder DE 28 22 603 A1 reference and the Kimya et al. FR 2,641,692 reference are in a language other than English and for which applicants have not obtained English language translations. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) (3) (i), as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information in these references, both the Thierfelder DE 28 22 603 A1 reference and the Kimya et al. FR 2,641,692 reference show or describe various occlusion devices and systems for anatomizing blood vessels.

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (4), no fee is due. However, if for any reason a fee is due in connection with the Statement, the Director is hereby

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